## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Docket No: O80180

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Appln, No.: 10/792,297 Group Art Unit: 1742

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING MAGNETIC PARTICLE, MAGNETIC PARTICLE

AND MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the restriction requirement, dated December 22, 2006. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-14, for examination. The election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application(s) directed to the subject matter of non-elected Claims 15 and 16.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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